

## CHAPTER 71: TRAFFIC RULES

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### *Cross-reference:*

*Littering from vehicles, see § 130.04*

*Parades and demonstrations, see §§ 94.35 through 94.42*

### **§ 71.01 RIDING ON HANDLEBARS, FRAME OR TANK OF MOTORCYCLES OR BICYCLES.**

The operator of a motorcycle or bicycle when upon a street shall not carry any person upon the handlebar, frame or tank of any such vehicle, nor shall any person so ride upon any such vehicle.  
(`92 Code, § 71.01) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.02 CLINGING TO MOVING VEHICLES.**

Any person riding upon any bicycle, motorcycle, coaster, sled, roller skates or any toy vehicles shall not attach the same or himself to any public conveyance or moving vehicle upon any roadway. ('92 Code, § 71.02) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.03 USE OF ROLLER SKATES, COASTERS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES.**

No person upon roller skates, roller blades, skateboards, or riding in or by means of any coaster, toy vehicle or similar device, shall go upon any roadway except while crossing a street at a crosswalk or intersection, except upon streets set aside as play streets. ('92 Code, § 71.03) (Am. Ord. passed 8-3-87; Am. Ord. passed 2-3-97) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.04 MANNER OF RIDING BICYCLES, MOTORCYCLES.**

No person shall ride a bicycle or motorcycle on any street without having his hands upon the handlebars, nor shall any person ride a bicycle on any sidewalk or walkway within the town. ('92 Code, § 71.04) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.05 SPILLING OF VEHICLE LOADS.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to overload any truck or vehicle while transporting and moving dirt, stone or any other material over the public streets of the town to the extent of permitting or allowing the dirt, stone or any other material to fall from or be thrown from the vehicle while traveling on and over the streets without removing the dirt, stone or any other material from the streets the same day on which it was permitted or allowed to be deposited upon the public streets. ('92 Code, § 71.05) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.06 FUNERALS, PROCESSIONS, PARADES.**

(A) No funeral, procession, demonstration or parade excepting the forces of the United States Army or Navy, the military forces of this state, and the forces of the Police and Fire Departments, shall occupy, march or proceed along any street, except in accordance with a permit issued in accordance with the ordinances of the town.

(B) No vehicle shall be driven through a funeral procession except fire department vehicles, police patrols and ambulances when the same are responding to calls.

(`92 Code, § 71.06) Penalty, see § 70.99

***Cross-reference:***

*Parades and demonstrations, see §§ 94.35 et seq.*

**§ 71.07 PROHIBITED TURNS.**

The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to determine those intersections at which drivers of vehicles shall not make a right, left or U-turn and shall place proper signs at such intersections. No driver of a vehicle shall turn the same contrary to any such sign.

(`92 Code, § 71.07) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.08 "CORNER CUTTING" PROHIBITED.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle over any sidewalk area and through any driveway, parking lot or any business entrance at any intersection, in making either a right or left turn, except for the purpose of coming to a complete stop to obtain or render some service or make a sale or purchase. It is the intention of this section to prohibit corner cutting by driving a vehicle from one street into another across any sidewalk and driveway and/or through any driveway.

(`92 Code, § 71.08) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.09 YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY INTERSECTIONS.**

The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to designate main-traveled or through streets, by erecting at the entrance thereto from intersecting streets, signs notifying drivers of vehicles to yield the right-of-way to drivers of vehicles approaching the intersection on the main-traveled or through street. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title, whenever any such yield right-of-way signs have been so erected, it shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to enter or cross such main-traveled or through street unless he shall first slow down and yield the right-of-way to any vehicle in movement on the main-traveled or through street which is approaching so as to arrive at the intersection at approximately the same time as the vehicle entering the main-traveled or through street. No failure to so yield the right-of-way shall be considered negligence or contributory negligence per se in any action at law for injury to person or property, but the facts relating to such failure to yield the right-of-way may be considered with the other facts in the case in determining whether either party in such action was guilty of negligence or contributory negligence.

(`92 Code, § 71.09) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.10 ONE-WAY STREETS AND ALLEYS-DESIGNATION AND MARKING.**

The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to designate streets and alleys, or portions thereof, whereon vehicular traffic shall be restricted to one direction only. Whenever such a designation is made, signs shall be erected and maintained at every intersection or entrance to such street or alley where movement in the opposite direction is prohibited, which signs shall indicate the direction of lawful traffic movement.

(`92 Code, § 71.10) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.11 OPENING DOORS INTO TRAFFIC.**

No person shall open the door of a motor vehicle on the side available to moving traffic unless and until it is reasonable safe to do so, nor shall any person leave a door open on the side of a motor vehicle available to moving traffic for a period of time longer than necessary to load or unload passengers.

(`92 Code, § 71.11) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.12 LIMITATIONS ON TURNING AROUND.**

The driver of any vehicle shall not turn such vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any street in a business district and shall not, upon any other street, so turn a vehicle unless such movement can be made in safety and without interfering with other traffic.

(`92 Code, § 71.12) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.13 DRIVING ON PLAY STREETS.**

(A) The Chief of Police may declare any street or part thereof a play street and place appropriate signs in the roadway indicating the same and, when so declared and indicated, no person shall drive a vehicle upon any such street or portion thereof, except drivers of vehicles having business or whose residences are within such closed area and then any such driver shall exercise the greatest care in driving upon any such street or portion thereof.

(B) On those days when conditions are suitable for coasting on snow or ice, no person shall drive a vehicle upon any street or parts of streets when signs are erected giving notice thereof. This section shall not prevent the use of any streets by drivers of vehicles having business or whose residences are within such reserved areas, but any such driver shall exercise the greatest care in driving upon such streets.

(`92 Code, § 71.13) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.14 QUIET ZONES.**

Whenever authorized signs are placed, erected or installed indicating a zone of quiet, no person operating a motor vehicle within any such zone shall sound the horn or other warning device of the vehicle except in an emergency.

(`92 Code, § 71.14) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.15 DESIGNATION OF CROSSWALKS AND SAFETY ZONES.**

The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to designate and shall thereafter maintain or cause to be maintained, by appropriate devices, marks or lines upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks at intersections where, in his opinion, there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway, and at such other places as he may deem necessary. The Chief of Police is also authorized to establish safety zones of such kind and character and at such places as he may deem necessary for the protection of pedestrians.

(`92 Code, § 71.15)

**§ 71.16 SPEED LIMITS.**

A vehicle may not be operated at a speed in excess of the following:

(A) Those speed limits established by ordinance of this town from time to time, such speed limits to be posted by traffic control sign; or

(B) Those speed limits established and enforced by the state under G.S. § 20-141(b).

(`92 Code, § 71.16) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.17 STOP INTERSECTIONS.**

The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to erect stop signs at the entrances of intersections designated by him, which signs shall be located so as to indicate which vehicles approaching the intersection are required to stop. The driver of a vehicle approaching such a sign shall stop at the entrance to the intersection and shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles which have entered the intersection or which are approaching so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard, but such drivers having so yielded, may proceed and the drivers of all other vehicles approaching the intersection shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle so proceeding into or across the same.

(`92 Code, § 72.02) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.18 STOP REQUIRED WHEN EMERGING FROM ALLEY, PRIVATE ROAD, DRIVEWAY OR BUILDING.**

The driver of a vehicle emerging from an alley, private road, driveway or building shall stop the vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk or onto the sidewalk area, and, upon entering the roadway, shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway.

(`92 Code, § 72.03) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.19 MOVING CARS FROM PARKED POSITION.**

Cars parked shall move out in the direction headed, or if they are parked at an angle with the curb they shall back out on that angle until they have cleared the other cars and shall proceed in the direction they are most nearly headed in.

(`92 Code, § 72.04) Penalty, see § 70.99